

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/96

COMMEMORATING MARCH 31, 2022 AS THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF INTEGRATED PEST
MANAGEMENT PIONEER ROBERT VAN DEN BOSCH

WHEREAS, Robert van den Bosch, Professor of Entomology and Chairman of the Division of Biological Control at the University of California was born in Martinez on March 31, 1922, and
WHEREAS, Professor van den Bosch, who was primarily known as Van, was a lifelong resident of Contra Costa County with the exception of a short stint on the faculty of UC Riverside and while serving on active duty during World War II as deck officer with the US Naval Reserve, and
WHEREAS, until his untimely death in 1978, Van inspired students throughout the world as he continuously searched for natural enemies of agricultural pests in Europe, Africa, and Asia, and
WHEREAS, Van coauthored a seminal article in the agricultural science journal Hilgardia that is largely credited with the invention of several concepts now known as integrated pest management or IPM, and
WHEREAS, he published additional writings including the book The Pesticide Conspiracy that deeply influenced public awareness of the ecological impacts of the overdependence on pesticides within agricultural systems, and
WHEREAS, the perpetual refinement of IPM in agricultural systems has enhanced the practice of IPM in urban areas that include facilities and lands managed by County operations, and
WHEREAS, Contra Costa County implemented the IPM Policy in 2002 and remains committed to protecting public health, County resources, and the environment through practicing IPM.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby commemorate the birth and life of Robert van den Bosch, and acknowledges his critical impact as a scientist and environmental advocate.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 29, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy